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February 20, 2001

Eugene Tuttle
Natural Organic Fertilizer
1409 Lubbock Hwy.
Lamesa, Texas, 79331

Re: Acceptance of Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations. Natural Organic Fertilizer Inc., Natural Organic Mill, S/0197054, Grand County, Utah

Dear Mr. Tuttle:

Thank you for your information received January 11, 2001, in response to our deficiency letter of December 18, 2000. The additional information describes the proposed mill operations as affecting 4.8 acres of privately owned land located in Section 1 and 12, T19S, R24E, SLBM. With this additional information the Division can now determine your small mine operation notice as complete. Your notice now satisfies the requirements of R647-3 of the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Title 40-8, et seq., Utah Code Annotated. The Division requires no additional information at this time.

In accordance with rule R647-3-105 regarding the project location, the actual areas to be disturbed should be plotted on a map in sufficient detail so that they can be located on the ground. Please provide such a map with your next annual report. Please mark the proposed (5 acre or less) disturbed area boundary (including access/haul roads) in the field with metal T-Posts (or with some other marker of equal effectiveness). Markers must be appropriately spaced so that the next marker in either direction is clearly visible with the naked eye.

Enclosed for your reference is a copy of our summarized "Operation and Reclamation Practices," and the statutory penalty for failure to reclaim a minesite (SMO-1). Please give special consideration to item #10 of the "Operation and Reclamation Practices. Stockpiling topsoil material prior to beginning your mining operation will help ensure successful revegetation efforts upon final reclamation of the minesite. If the area being mined is a solid rock outcrop, or if the land surface is very rocky, then soil stockpiling is probably not possible. However, even the first few inches of undeveloped material is worth saving to aid in later revegetation efforts, and future regulatory release from reclamation requirements.

If you wish to expand your operation beyond the five (5) acre limitation, please notify this office as soon as possible to discuss the necessary permitting requirements. Approval of a large mining notice could take from six to twelve months or longer.

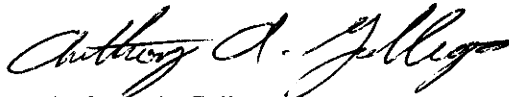
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Your notice indicates that this operation is a wet operation; however, the State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) advised you in their December 4, 2000, letter that your operations do not require a DEQ permit, provided certain precautions are taken.

Thank you for your cooperation in satisfying the permit requirements for your small mine operation. When in the area, a member of the Division staff will examine the site. Best wishes with your mining operation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Gallegos". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Anthony" and last name "Gallegos" clearly distinguishable.

Anthony A. Gallegos
Senior Reclamation Specialist

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Enclosure: Operations and Reclamation Practices Summary
cc: millsites listing
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